

Coalition unites for September 11th ceremony

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – American service members and coalition military services gathered at the Joint Operations Center yesterday afternoon for a retreat ceremony to honor those who died by terrorists hands on Sept. 11, 2001, and those who've subsequently lost their lives in the ensuing global war on terrorism.

Hundreds of service members representing nearly a half dozen nations gathered to show the world that even two years after the vicious attacks, the coalition stands unified by their goal of bringing an end to global terrorism.

Although the terrorists' main target on Sept. 11 was the United States, the coalition service members realize that no country is safe from the reaches of the ongoing terror campaign.

"Terrorism isn't only a problem for Americans, something like Sept. 11 can happen anywhere," said Marine 1st Lt. Hwang Sukhyun, Republic of Korea Medical Group,



Coalition service members stood side by side at the Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony in honor of those who died by terrorists hands two years ago and those who've fallen in the subsequent war on terrorism.

who participated in the coalition ceremony.

All of us in the coalition are here to make sure it doesn't happen ever again; it's our duty, Sukhyun added.

For Pvt. 2 Soiban Bell, 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, being in the ceremony in Afghanistan alongside her coalition allies, only two years after the attacks on her homeland, is something she will al-

ways remember.

"I'm proud to be a part of this," Bell said, as she stood in formation with her fellow 10th Mtn. Div. soldiers. "On Sept. 11, 2001, as a nation we fell far, and now we're far away from home and we're working together with

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Afghan survives Taliban imprisonment

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(This is the conclusion of Sayed Mohammad Ali's story.)

BAMIAN, Afghanistan – Sayed Mohammad Ali was imprisoned by the Taliban in the autumn of 1998 after the Taliban seized control of Mazar-e-Sharif Aug. 8 of that year. He endured three years of Taliban imprisonment because they

marked him as a soldier against the Taliban when in fact he was a Hazaran college student aspiring to be a doctor. During his first year of imprisonment, Ali suffered countless beatings, starvation and a loss of hope.

The second year ...

Escalating battles and the Taliban's increasing victories marked the second year of Ali's imprisonment, and the more battles fought, the more the Kandahar Prison population grew. Ali had already been in prison for a year for crimes he didn't com-

mit, and as the stretch of imprisonment grew the more he felt the need to accomplish something with his time, said Ali.

One new batch of prisoners to the Kandahar Prison included a man who was a certified English teacher, so Ali and a handful of other prisoners beseeched the teacher to teach them the language, but the teacher feared he would be punished for teaching them without the Taliban's permission, he said.

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



The "Tribute in Light" at Ground Zero will remain on from dusk to dawn Thursday night.

Thousand mark the anniversary of 9/11 Thursday

CNN — Flowers, notes and children's drawings filled two reflecting pools at the base of Ground Zero in New York, as thousands of people marked the second anniversary of the September 11 attacks that killed 3,016 people at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

A children's choir sang the "The Star-Spangled Banner" and bagpipers played "Amazing Grace" as an honor guard unfurled the torn American flag that was raised above the rubble of the twin towers after the attacks.

The mourners paused for a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. EDT, the time when American Airlines Flight 11 hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Afterward, about 200 children and young adults began reading the names of the 2,792 victims of the World Trade Center attacks in alphabetical order. Each had a relative who died in the attacks and many offered tributes and declarations of love when they read their names.

"I love you daddy, I miss you a lot," said Christina Maria Aceto after reading the name of her father, Richard Anthony Aceto.

As the names were read, family members streamed down the ramp to the lowest level of the site to pray, reflect and deposit flowers in the pools that represented the footprints of the lost towers. One woman clutched a picture of her son that bore the words, "We will never forget you. My son I love you."



Arafat gestures to supporters at his Ramallah compound Thursday night.

Israel will work to 'remove' Arafat

JERUSALEM — Israel's security Cabinet said Thursday it would work to "remove" Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, a decision that could mean the Palestinian leader's expulsion from his Ramallah compound, the Israeli prime minister's office said.

Thousands of enraged Palestinians in Ramallah, Gaza City, Nablus, Tulkarem and Khan Younis took to the streets in protest.

In Gaza, throngs of Palestinians — many of them firing rifles and pistols into the air — marched through the city Thursday night chanting slogans such as "With our blood, with our lives, we sacrifice ourselves for you, Arafat" and "Listen, Sharon, Arafat is not going out."

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath called the Israeli announcement a "declaration of war" and said it could be a form of psychological warfare intended for shock effect.

In a TV report Arafat said, "This is the terra sancta. No one can kick me out."

Asked by a reporter if he was concerned for his life, Arafat said, they "can kill me by their bombs," but he will "definitely not" leave.

Ra'anan Gissin, spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, was asked by CNN if the Cabinet's action meant Israel would forcibly remove Arafat from Ramallah.

"It doesn't mean that," he said. "The Cabinet has today resolved to remove this obstacle," Gissin said.

"The time, method — the ways by which this will take place — will be decided separately, and the security services will continue

to monitor the situation and make the recommendation about the proper action as they have done in the past."



U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

Rumsfeld: U.S. in no rush to try terror suspects

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says most suspected terrorists at a U.S. prison camp in Cuba will probably be detained for the course of the global war on terrorism rather than face trial.

That sparked criticism from lawyers who said U.S. legal tradition insists on a transparent and open judicial process.

Rumsfeld said Wednesday he expects some trials but prefers that most continue to be held at the Guantanamo Bay facility.

"Our interest is in not trying them and letting them out," he said. "Our interest is in — during this global war on terror — keeping them off the streets, and so that's what's taking place."

Erwin Chemerinsky, law professor at University of Southern California, said there is no authority in American or international law to hold these people indefinitely with no judicial process.

"It's outrageous," Chemerinsky said. "There are no signs that the war on terrorism is nearing an end, so the government is saying it can hold people indefinitely and likely for the rest of their lives without complying with the requirements of international law."

Human rights groups and countries of detained nationals have criticized the United States for refusing to designate the detainees as prisoners of war under international conventions.

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The flag detail retires the colors at the conclusion of the Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony in which hundreds of coalition service members gathered to honor the terror victims of two years ago and their fallen comrades who've died during the subsequent war on terrorism.

Italians, Koreans, Polish, and (other coalition partners), and we're all fighting for the same cause."

Sept. 11th has left different impressions on everyone, but for Sgt. Robert Gagnon, Company D, 140th Avn. Battalion, 10th Mtn. Div., he can't help but think about the innocent people who died and how since that fateful day he has hoped to do his part to ensure another tragedy like it never happens again.

"For Americans, the attacks on Sept. 11 is like the attack on Pearl Harbor; it is something we will never forget," Gagnon said, adding he was proud to fight for his country, similar to the millions of young American soldiers who fought in World War II more than fifty years ago as a response to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"I volunteered to come to Afghanistan and I hope I can help make a difference."

At the conclusion of the ceremony a soldier played retreat from a watchtower overlooking the coalition formation as the American flag was slowly lowered from the flagpole.

The flag was retired for another day, but the American and coalition troops know the fight is far from over.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the Civic Center: "City By the Sea." Vincent Lamarca, whose father was executed for a 1950s kidnapping of a child, grew up to become a police officer, only to see his own son become a murderer.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Catch Me If You Can."



Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<u>Bagram:</u>	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 88F L: 57F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 88F L: 61F
<u>Kandahar:</u>	<i>Haze</i> H: 100F L: 68F	<i>Haze</i> H: 99F L: 66F
<u>Kabul:</u>	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 86F L: 54F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 86F L: 54F
<u>Uzbekistan:</u>	<i>Clear</i> H: 95F L: 58F	<i>Clear</i> H: 98F L: 62F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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But after 10 days the teacher realized that each day was a redundant torment of confinement: the prisoners are allowed out of their cells at 4 a.m. to go about their limited activities of walking around the yard or going to the prison's mosque to pray, and then being locked up again at 9 p.m. "When this teacher saw that (each day) was all the same" with no change or improvement, he changed his mind and started secretly teaching a group of six including Ali, he said.

A few months later a fellow inmate was tasked by the Taliban to be a sort of prison manager, and he arranged it so that the classes were allowed. With their new freedom, the students took their study material everywhere, including the mosque. "When the other prisoners saw that we were trying to learn English," they wanted to join in, so the small class of six grew to be about 150 students, said Ali.

Ali and the initial group were more advanced in their studies, so "our teacher put a duty on each of us," he said, which was to teach the new students basic English skills, and that's how they passed their time for several months.

While Ali was learning English, the Taliban were taking control over most of Afghanistan, so the overall situation within the prison improved slightly, but the beatings and midnight killings continued, said Ali.

It was near the end of his second year of imprisonment that Ali began to start losing hope of ever being free again. His situation seemed hopeless, especially when he saw other prisoners buying their freedom and he knew his family didn't have the kind of money needed for his release.

It was the Afghani equivalent to an average of \$2,000 to buy one's freedom, said Ali. "It was a kind of business that the Taliban made for themselves by arresting the people from the Bazaar, from their houses, and putting (them) in a jail" for no reason, and then taking money from their family for their release, said Ali.

Because Ali and his fellow Hazarans had no information indicating that they were even remembered, they felt abandoned and their situation seemed even more hopeless. "At that point we never had any hope that one day we (would be) released," said Ali.

The third year ...

During the third year of his confinement, news spread about intensified fighting between the Taliban and the Northern Alliance, the almost sure collapse of the Afghan government, and the Taliban's almost certain victory. "At that point, we lost (all) our hope," said Ali.

But as the war intensified, the talks between the Taliban and the Northern Alliance picked up. One of those talks led to an agreement between the two sides to exchange prisoners, said Ali. Around the beginning of August 2001 a delegation made up of officials from the Hazaran party went into the Kandahar jail and made a list of the prisoners, and "they promised us that maybe in a month (they) will try to release (us)," said Ali. A month passed and nothing happened.

Then one morning in the second week of September 2001,

the Taliban gathered all the prisoners and read off a list of names. Ali's name wasn't called the first day, but on the second day it was, and he was taken to the Kandahar airport along with about 100 other prisoners, and flown to Kabul Sept. 10, 2001, said Ali.

The next night, Ali was allowed to read a newspaper and that's when he saw in print New York City's World Trade Center's two towers, and the devastation al Qaeda had caused. "In the jail of Kabul, I became sad when I heard that (they) killed lots of people in that crash" who were just innocent civilians, said Ali. Then he thought, "the U.S. will never be quiet about this action."

On Sept. 15, 2001, the Taliban loaded 300 prisoners onto the back of six vehicles and drove them to Panjab where they arrived the next day, said Ali.

On the evening of Sept. 17, 2001, the Taliban took the prisoners to the front line of fighting, the delegation brought their prisoners, and the exchange was made, said Ali. "So it was on the seventeenth that we got released from Taliban's hand and came to our area and we (felt) that we (were) free." He immediately knew what to do with his new independence; he would help to fight the strangling hold the Taliban still had on his country, he said.

Ali's impression of U.S. forces

To avenge the attacks on Sept. 11, the U.S. military launched a bombing campaign against the Taliban. By this time Ali was working as the assistant to a doctor near the front lines of combat, he said. Ali was in the Bamian Province when the U.S. bombed the Taliban bunkers and strongholds located there, and after the bombing, the Taliban lost their grip on this province, and the end of the Taliban in Afghanistan grew more certain.

As a paramedic in a war zone, Ali saw the chaos of combat. One particular night, he witnessed a local Afghan running recklessly toward an area where airplanes were dropping food for the people, "but one case (landed) on one of the remaining Taliban fighting positions," which was mine-ridden, said Ali. The man stepped on a mine, and blew off his leg, but Ali and the local doctor had no means to treat him. "We went to the U.S. forces and told them (there) is a guy that needs your help," he said.

A team of U.S. military medics responded, but because the Taliban had stripped the local area of any real medical supplies, and there was no blood supply, the man died, said Ali. "When the doctor heard that he died, the doctor cried," he said. "Those people all tried so hard."

The incident left a lasting impression on Ali. "I have a good memory of them," said Ali. "I have lots of their pictures, and a good memory in my mind."

Those memories stay with him as Ali, now 26 years old, works as an interpreter at the Bamian Provincial Reconstruction Team site, but he wants to finish the medical degree he initially set out to earn. "In the cities we have some doctors for people, (but) we (still) don't have any doctors in the villages," said Ali. It's in these remote areas that doctors are critically needed, "and I'm hoping if I could graduate and pass my education, I'd be (able) to help my people, especially (in) the poorest areas," he said.



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Titans sign 44-year-old kicker Anderson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Titans wanted an experienced kicker, and they got one Wednesday night by agreeing to terms with Gary Anderson, the NFL's career scoring leader and once again the league's oldest active player.



Gary Anderson

The Titans lost kicker Joe Nedney for the season to a torn ligament in his right, non-kicking leg during their 25-20 victory Sunday over the Oakland Raiders. Nedney and punter Craig Hentrich combined to kick four field goals in the game.

"It was important to find a veteran kicker who has made all the big kicks and been in all of the situations," general manager Floyd Reese said. "We feel like Gary is the best available kicker and that we couldn't afford to take a chance with a younger player with the number of games in this league that come down to a final kick."

The 44-year-old Anderson had been looking for work since the end of last season when he finished up with Minnesota. The Vikings had tried to find a replacement for Anderson, but brought him back when his replacement missed a field goal and two extra points in the second week.

Anderson has 2,233 points in his career. He was 18-of-23 last season, and made a 53-yard field goal to beat Miami in December. But Anderson was just 3-of-8 between 40 and 49 yards.

Prosecutor outlines case against Bryant

EAGLE, Colo. – A prosecutor outlined the sexual assault case against Kobe Bryant for the first time Wednesday, saying there are photographs of injuries to the woman and a videotaped statement from her.

In a court brief, Eagle County District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said he planned to present the evidence at the Oct. 9 preliminary hearing that will determine whether the NBA All-Star will stand trial.



Kobe Bryant

Hurlbert also said the main investigator in the case will testify.

While detailing his evidence, Hurlbert also asked the judge to throw out a defense subpoena calling for the accuser to testify. Hurlbert said testifying at the hearing would subject the 19-year-old woman to need-less "anxiety and intimidation."

The defense can instead question investigators about the accuser, the prosecutor said.

Bryant's attorneys, Pamela Mackey and Hal Haddon, did not return a telephone message seeking comment.

Bryant is charged with sexually assaulting the woman June 30 in his suite at a nearby mountain resort. She worked there, and Bryant was staying there while in Colorado for knee surgery.

Bryant has said they had consensual sex.

The Los Angeles Lakers' star is free on \$25,000 bond pending the October hearing.

The brief marked the first time Hurlbert offered a glimpse of the evidence in the case, including the photos, the video and what he called an "electronically enhanced" version of Bryant's interview with investigators.

Jazz sign point guard Terry to offer sheet

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Jazz may have a veteran point guard this season, after all.

The Jazz, who have been looking for a starter at that position since John Stockton retired after last season, signed restricted free agent Jason Terry to an offer sheet Thursday after months of negotiations.



Jason Terry

"We think he's a pretty talented player or we wouldn't have stayed in the hunt with him for a such a long time," Jazz president Dennis Haslam said. "We had a lot of back and forth since the time we could start talking to players. Things ebbed and flowed for a while and we got a little closer the last few days."

Utah looked at Terry, 25, in July, but the two sides did not agree on a deal. Haslam said the paperwork was done Wednesday and the offer became official Thursday. The Atlanta Hawks have 15 days to match the multiyear offer, terms of which were not disclosed.

"Getting him would be consistent with our youth movement," Haslam said. "He gives us the ability to develop our guard line significantly."

Atlanta issued a statement Thursday saying the team would consider the Jazz's offer, but it was not clear whether the Hawks would try to keep Terry.

Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- WNBA Championship Detroit Shock @ LA Sparks 0430L
- ESPNNews 0600L
- MLB Anaheim Angels @ Seattle Mariners 0630L
- ESPNNews 0930L
- SportsCenter 1030L
- NFL Magazine 1430L
- MLB St. Louis Cardinals @ Houston Astros 1500L
- MLB Magazine 1800L
- SportsCenter 1830L
- College Football Pregame 1900L
- MLB Magazine 2030L
- College Football Iowa @ Iowa State 2100L

Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- College Football Georgia Tech @ Florida State 0430L
- NASCAR Craftmans Truck Series 0800L
- SportsCenter 1030L
- College Football Kentucky @ Alabama 1130L
- SportsCenter 1430L
- MLB Chicago White Sox @ Boston Red Sox 1530L
- NFL Live 1830L
- Inside The NFL 1930L
- ESPNNews 2030L
- NASCAR Craftmans Truck Series 2100L

Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

Troops remember dead as Taliban renew 'Jihad' call

Story by Simon Denyer and Saeed Ali Achakzai

BAGRAM/SPIN BOLDAK, Afghanistan (*Reuters*) - U.S. and allied troops in Afghanistan held a memorial service on the second anniversary of the September 11 attacks on Thursday, while a Taliban leader renewed a call for holy war on Washington.

About 300 U.S., Korean, Thai, Polish, Slovakia and Italian troops stood for a minute's silence at the coalition headquarters north of Kabul for more than 3,000 victims of the attacks as well as soldiers and others killed in the ensuing "war on terror."

Hours earlier, a commander of the former Taliban regime accused Washington of staging the September 11 attacks as a ploy to invade Afghanistan and fabricating evidence to attack Iraq.

Speaking by satellite phone from an undisclosed location, former Taliban provincial governor Mullah Abdul Rauf told *Reuters*:

"We will not let America consolidate itself in Afghanistan and a jihad (holy war) against them will continue and we will not forgive the Americans and their agents."

The Taliban were toppled late in 2001 by U.S. and Afghan opposition forces after refusing to hand over al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden, who is accused of masterminding September 11.

At the ceremony at Bagram Air Base, coalition force commander Lt. Gen. John Vines told the troops "anti-Islamic forces" had fanned out from Afghanistan in an attempt to destroy civilization.

"What you are doing is vital because without you there will be other 11 Septembers, 2001...because you have the courage and conviction to confront evil," he said. "It is an honor to serve with you and it is necessary to commemorate the souls who died."

A bugler played the Retreat and the troops saluted as the American flag was lowered, then a Canadian piper perched high on sandbags in a corner of the parade ground ended the ceremony with a rendition of Amazing Grace.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, the anniversary passed without fanfare.

While Rauf's theories find some resonance in the deeply conservative Pashtun heartlands, where the Taliban have resurfaced as a guerrilla force attacking aid workers and U.S. and Afghan soldiers, many Afghans condemned the September 11 attacks as criminal and unIslamic.

However, sympathy for the United States seems to have waned and the continuing security threat led the U.S. embassy to advise citizens to stay away from public places while the United Nations placed restrictions on travel outside Kabul.

Two years ago, deprived of television by the Taliban, Afghans were among the few people in the world unable to watch the destruction of the World Trade Center by suicide hijackers.

Their lives were revolutionized by the impact of events they could not see, but on the second anniversary many urged the world to pay more attention to Afghanistan's numerous problems.

Muhammad Akbar, a resident of the southern town of Spin Boldak on the border with Pakistan, said he was glad U.S. forces had swept away the Taliban.

"The Taliban had sullied the name of Islam and it was September 11 terrorism that made them the focus of the world," he said. "Now the United States should focus on Afghanistan's reconstruction."

In central Uruzgan province, 40-year-old Khudai Nazar agreed.

"All the terrorists of the world were assembled here and used to issue threats against the United States. The September 11 incidents made it clear the Taliban would have to go," he said.

But he said he was disappointed at the slow progress in returning peace to Afghanistan and rebuilding a land ruined by a quarter of a century of war.

"The United States should station its forces all over the country to speed up development work," he said.

Foreign aid has been slow to arrive and there is little visible sign of reconstruction in many parts of the country.

Warlords still control vast swathes of territory, banditry has increased sharply and calls for international peacekeepers to be deployed outside the capital have so far fallen on deaf ears.

to discredit prominent ministers before the election".

"Well, son, this is 'All that You Can Be'."



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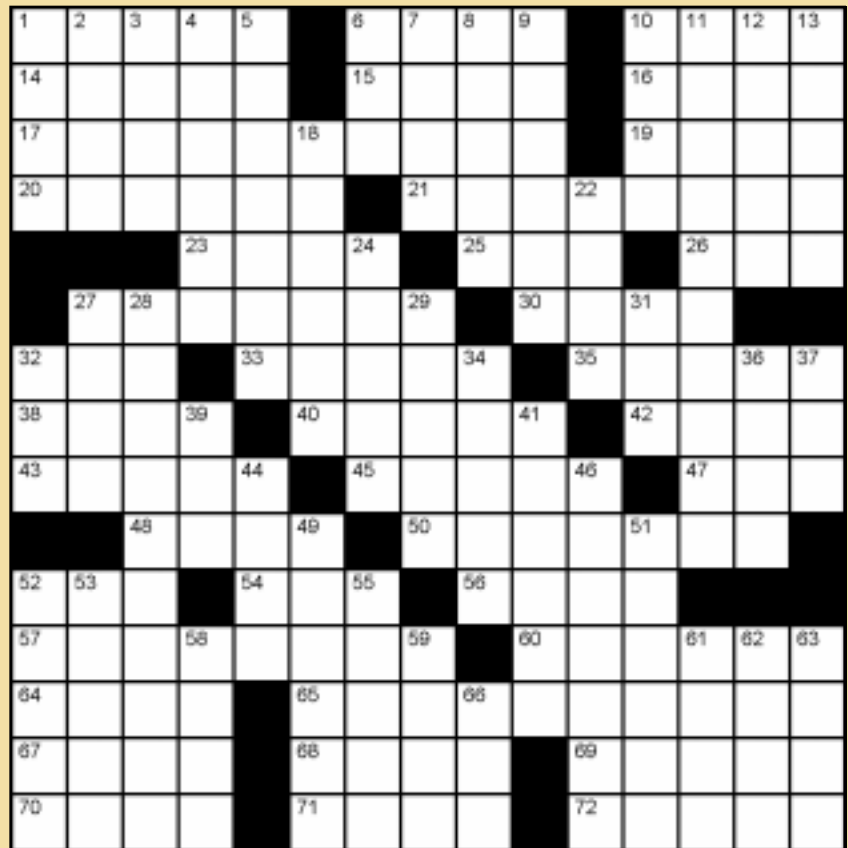
Laugh Support

Measure crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

Across

1. Core group
 6. Makes a pick
 10. Printer's primary color
 14. Bubbling on the stove
 15. Butter substitute
 16. Long-eared hopper
 17. Novices
 19. Racing's Luyendyk
 20. Heavy hammer
 21. Went to
 23. Bring in, as a fish
 25. Put a spell on
 26. Like a fox
 27. To-do lists
 30. Producer De Laurentiis
 32. Debate side
 33. Midmorning hour
 35. Clumps of grass
 38. Britain, to the U.S.
 40. Kelly's cohort
 42. Scott of "Charles in Charge"
 43. Alpine call
 45. Bath add-ins
 47. Sign of summer
 48. Rams' mates
 50. Surprise hit
 52. ___ Quentin
 54. Guitarist Montgomery
 56. Cuzco native
 57. Wiry-coated dog
 60. Nobel-winning Mother
 64. Gator's cousin
 65. Trumpet great
 67. Give a facelift to
 68. Sitka of Three Stooges shorts
 69. Heavenly spots
 70. Org.
 71. Patricia of "Hud"
 72. Bowling button
- Down



1. Lynxes, e.g.
2. Explorer Tasman
3. Ready to serve
4. Mind teaser
5. Refined
6. Sock-in-the-gut grunt
7. "Not guilty," for one
8. Pearly whites
9. Beyond tipsy
10. Biggers detective
11. Pub purchases
12. Sharon of Israel
13. In dire straits
18. Melt down, as fat
22. Turnpike turn-off
24. Bering, Borge et al.
27. Woody's boy
28. Yellow flowers
29. Epic tales
31. Well-used pencil
32. Fork over
34. Prefix for "one thousandth"
36. Ballpark level
37. U.S./Canada's ___ Canals
39. Archery bow wood
41. Blockage relievers
44. Like a lecher
46. One leaving the union
49. Galleon crew
51. Thanksgiving Day event
52. Pelvic bones
53. Buenos ___
55. Goopy stuff
58. Bus. course
59. Marlon's "On the Waterfront" director
61. Holiday lead-ins
62. Trig ratio
63. Mgr.'s aide
66. Building wing

Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch